

TELEGRAPHIC.
YESTERDAY'S NOON DISPATCH

Steamer Gladiator Reported Sunk
The Latest News from City Port
Heavy Firing Heard in the Direction of

of Deep Bottom.

Late Advice from Point of Rock.

New Movements of General Butler.

Late Intelligence from Petersburg
Another Fort Built in the Place
the one Blown Up.

Movements of Sheridan's Command
Gen. Palmer Asks to be Relieved
Arrival of the City of Baltimore

[Special to the World.]
WASHINGTON, August 1.
Plenty of rumors are in circulation here day in regard to movements of the different armies in Virginia, most of which are undoubtedly without foundation. There seems to be little doubt, however, that important changes are going on in the disposition of rebel for-

The New York Herald's City Point correspondent of the 14th says: but little firing occurred for a week past, until yesterday morning. At 6 A. M. heavy firing was heard in the direction of Deep Bottom, and started the alarm.

The attack was commenced by the ene and proved to be an attempt to dislodge w artillery certain working parties of ours. T seemed to have just discovered their batter Unable to accomplish their object, howe one or two of their rams dropped down river as far as prudent and added their fire

The affair was one of artillery and the engagement at long range throughout, in which our losses are inconsiderable and their course unknown.

The character and design of the operation referred to, in which working parties were used, can't be more than alluded to at present; we must develop them further.

The Herald's Point of Rocks correspondent says that for some time past Butler has been conniving over a brilliant scheme wherever to annoy and advance the Union interest in this region materially. His plan contemplates nothing less than the construction of a canal at what has been hitherto known as Dutch Gap, but he is about to be known as Butler's Gap in the

It was to be known as Buster's Gap, in the rect face of the enemy, which done, should among other results, by reason of its situation compel the rebels to extend their line defenses a distance of four miles—that is, say, the distance saved to us by digging a canal, which is to be 140 yards in length, seven miles of water course in James river. This morning the men engaged on this work.

The Herald's correspondent before Petersburg, of the 13th, says the rebels have erected a new fort on the site of the exploded one and opened yesterday with two Whitworth guns.

The Times' Washington special says Sheridan has advanced from Winchester to Strasburg, Early retreating from that point westward.

Gen. Plamer having been released at his request of the command of the Fourteenth corps, has gone to his home in Illinois leave of absence.

partment of the Ohio, and placed under command of General Burbridge, who will, under the direction of General Schofield, exercise the functions of Department Commander.

NEW YORK, August 10.

The steamer City of Baltimore has arrived with dates to the 4th.

London dates to August 1st, via Quebec.

The Bank of England has advanced its rate of discount to 8 per cent. per annum. Stocks of Illinois Central 44½ discount; Erie 41½ discount. All other news of the 4th is anticipated with the North American's arrival.

CAIRO, August 15

The steamer Gladiator, from St. Louis New Orleans, laden with Government fre struck a rock in the Mississippi river, th miles above here, yesterday, and sunk to main deck. She can't be raised.

CAIRO, August 13

About 500 rebel cavalymen, under Colo Johnson, crossed the Ohio river into Illi

The Memphis Bulletin says that Ex-Ma Parke was released from prison, he had

BRANDING MEN.—The Journal of Commerce has an article on "The Surgeon's Brand" which it styles a barbarous custom. It says: "Complaints have been made of the brand-

or marking of the person by the military examining surgeons in this city. The mark made with nitrate of silver or caustic potash in the form of a cross on the back or shoulder of a recruit or substitute who is offered a does not pass the surgical examination. The object of the surgeons in doing this is to prevent persons who have been rejected from being offered to other regiments or states.

ing ordered to other surgeons by the substitute brokers, thus putting those functionaries the trouble of examining them over again and to the possibility of being imposed. Nothing can justify the custom, however, is barbarous, brutal and insulting to humanity, which is thus put on the same footing as sheep and hogs. It is a self-assumed power on the part of the surgeons, which deserves

the severest reproof, not only from the public but from the Commanding General of the department. Citizens of all parties all over the city speak of it with indignation. Some other way must be devised to guard against fraud which does not involve the affixing of an effaceable stigma upon innocent persons who apply as recruits in good faith. Barbarism in this kind greatly tends to deter recruitment.

PLANS OF PEACE.—The Tribune briefly discusses "peace overtures," and says:

We do not know, and have not meant to affirm, that an immediate settlement of our national troubles is perfectly feasible; but we feel certain that two-thirds of the American people would be glad to see the war

people on either side of the dividing line passionately, absorbingly desire peace, and are ready to make all needful sacrifices to insure it. Then why shall it be long withheld? Let us know, as soon as may be, the most that the rebel chiefs will do to secure peace; let us next understand what is the "ultimatum" on our side; and, if the difference between the two material let us fight all the time.

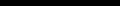
We have no sympathy with the shudder of dread that our Government may, by listening to propositions from the rebels, virtually acknowledge their independence. Etiquette is the disease of little minds; great souls are material, let us fight all the harder till side or the other is ready to make the necessary concessions. It is high time matters were coming to a point.

never troubled by it.

MCCLELLAN.—Where and when did movement for the recall of McClellan originate? On Fast-day, in the search of texts, the idea was seized upon by the little village of the Republican party, with avidity. *It is the Sortes Biblicæ:*

David wrote on the last day

"And David wrote on the letter saying: Uriah, the Hittite, in the fore-front of hottest battle, and retire ye from him, that he may be smitten and die."



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